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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 is the patent application of:

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FOR: Float For Liquid Waste Disposal Apparatus

Enclosed are:

- Thirteen (13) Sheets of drawings.
- An Assignment of the invention to: Gunma Koike Co., Ltd. & Koike Medical Co., Ltd.
- A certified copy of the Japanese priority application No. 2000-4383 filed January 13, 2001.
- An associate power of attorney.
- These entities qualify for small entity status under 37 CFR § 1.9 and 1.27.

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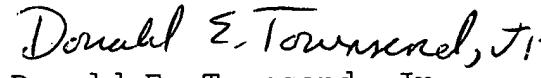
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The undersigned has been authorized by the Applicants, Masao TAKAHASHI, Kazuo KOIKE, Eiichi TAKANO, Nobuo MURATA and Masashi SUZUKI, to file the enclosed patent application, and to defer filing of the Declaration/Power of Attorney.

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